



The Municipal EcoLink

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The Municipal EcoLink is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#)

Public Hearing on Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

In accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, NHDES will be holding a public hearing on August 5, 2015 at 9:00 am to receive public comment on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program's 2015 Draft Intended Use Plans and Project Priority Lists. The hearings will be held at NHDES located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Copies of the draft Project Priority Lists and Intended Use Plans will be posted on the NHDES website at www.des.nh.gov, A to Z list, "Grants/Loans", Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF prior to the public hearing date. For more information please contact the Clean Water Program at (603) 271-3908 or the Drinking Water program at (603) 271-2513 or dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov.

Solid Waste Facility Operator Training

Due to a number of factors, NHDES is postponing the Basic Training class scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2015. NHDES will notify all applicants when the next Basic Training is scheduled and will automatically register them to attend. In addition, all continuing professional development workshops originally scheduled through the end of 2015 are cancelled. For more information, please go to http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/sw_operator_training.htm

News about Solid Waste Facility Annual Reports

NHDES has filed a final proposed rule regarding the signature requirement for annual facility reports for active solid waste facilities. The rule will replace a change made in the 2014 readoption with a cross-reference to the existing signature requirements. Review by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules is expected at the meeting scheduled for August 20, 2015. More information can be found at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#psolidw>. NHDES is continuing to explore ways to facilitate improved communications between certified operators and local officials who have authority to implement needed changes at a permitted facility.

NH Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee Biennial Conference

A full day of networking, planning, collaboration with NH and National experts in planning and design of infrastructure to support walking and biking -- all taking place in Concord, NH, September 30, 2015. Registration and information: <http://www.bwanh.org/events/nh-bicycle-and-pedestrian-transportation-conference/>

Motor Vehicle Recycling Facility (MVRF) Local License Inventory Update

The NH Green Yards Program is updating its database with current facilities holding a motor vehicle recycling facility local license per RSA 236:111-129. Within the next few weeks, the program will be sending out questionnaires to each municipality via e-mail to gather information regarding the MVRFs in the state. This inventory will be used by the NHDES to provide information to active facilities regarding the environmental Best Management Practices and the NEW MtBE Bureau within the Department. It is essential that we have an updated list of licensed facilities. For questions, please contact Tara Mae Albert at Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2938.

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